(2) The time laid down in the G. O. referred to above for the teaching of Arabic was insufficient.

(3) There were at present two English schools for Mahomedans—one at Thiruvithancode and the other at Varkalai (Chirayinkil). The departmental authorities were insisting on the community finding a site and building. That condition should be relaxed, both in respect of Boys' as well as Girls' schools.

(4) The concession in regard to the granting of special intervals as per G. O. No. E. 1989, dated 31st May 1919, should be enforced.

(5) Education should be made compulsory among Muslims, a cess being levied from them, if necessary, and collected along with the land revenue.

(6) The Alleppey Muslim English School was at present being maintained by the Lajnatul Mahomedan Association at a cost of Rs. 1,000 and the Vernacular school for the Muslims was also being held in the English school building. The III Form would have to be opened in the School soon in which case there would be no room. So, their request was that one of the available Government buildings at Alleppey be placed at their disposal for holding the Malayalam school.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

123. Female education in the Kottarakara taluk.

Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai (Member, Kottarakara taluk) described the condition of female education in the taluk and observed that classes up to the 3rd could be thrown open to both boys and girls, and greater facilities thus afforded for more Higher Grade schools being opened and maintained exclusively for girls. The Member then complained that there were only four departmental Girls' schools in the whole taluk of which one alone was of the higher grade. There were also two aided Girls' schools which had only the 2nd and 3rd classes. Further, all the existing schools for girls were situated very near each other. Considerable difficulty was also being experienced by certain classes whose girls could not be admitted into the only higher grade school because of its proximity to the temple and the Palace. It was a grievance to them that they should be asked to put up a building sufficient to accommodate all the classes. They had already exhausted themselves by the construction of buildings for English and Vernacular schools for boys and it was after straining every nerve that they succeeded in satisfying Government in regard to the English High School. About 30 school-houses had already been put up by them in the whole taluk, besides the contribution towards the High School. What they wanted was that more Girls' schools should be opened. Their special request was that an English Lower Grade School for girls should be established at Kottarakara.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Higher Grade Vernacular School for Girls, steps are being taken to transfer it to another site accessible to all classes. The other points are noted.

124. Suggestions for the improvement of Tamil education.

Mr. S. Ganapathi Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Trivandrum) in urging the need for greater attention being paid to Tamil education in the country, suggested the following measures:—

(1) A separate statement should be prepared in respect of Tamil schools and appended to the Administration Report, showing the number of Tamil schools in each taluk, the number of classes in them, and the strength with a memo explaining the variation, if any, in the strength of the schools every year.

(2) Tamil Boys' and Girls' schools should be opened in all Tamil taluks and in important Tamil centres.

(3) The existing Malayalam schools in Tamil centres should be gradually converted into Tamil schools, provision being made for Malayalam students for the study of Malayalam.

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